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**Applicant:** Tsuneo Hayashi et al.  
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**AMENDMENT E ACCOMPANYING THE FILING OF A R.C.E.**

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In response to the Office Action of November 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.